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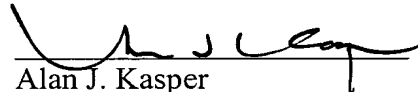
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**An English language abstract, submitted herewith, constitutes a concise statement of relevance for Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 64-40267, which is also cited and discussed on page 1 in the specification of the above identified application.**

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